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NOTES ON TWO WOODHEWERS FROM MEXICO.

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When looking over the old Swainson collection at Cambridge in June of the present year, the type of *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster* attracted immediate attention because of its extraordinarily large bill. The authorities at that institution very kindly forwarded this type (among others) to me at the British Museum where there was more than ample comparative material for a proper determination. As a result, it was found that the type of *flavigaster* is an extreme example of the race previously known as *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster megarhynchus* Nelson. It is typical of "*megarhynchus*" in color and, as above stated, is even larger in size than the average of that race. The measurements are as follows: wing, 110; tail, 92; culmen from base, 47.0; bill from nostril, 37.5; tarsus, 22.5; middle toe minus claw, 18.5. The specimen is a typical Bullock skin and the only one of the species in the Swainson collection. The old tag reads "*Xiphorhynchus* S./*flavigaster* Sw./Bullock Mexico."

Whether this individual was a straggler to Temascaltepec, or whether Bullock collected it at, or received it from, another locality will probably never be known. At any rate, *megarhynchus* of Nelson is a synonym of *flavigaster* Swainson. The next available name for the race formerly known as *flavigaster* is *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster eburneiostris* "Lesson" (Des Murs) (Icon. Orn., livr. 9, pl. 52, and in synonymy of *Dryocopus flavigaster*), the type locality of which is Realejo, Nicaragua. I have examined the types (cotypes) of *eburneiostris* in the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris and find them to be typical representatives of the race in question.

Lepidocolaptes souleyetii guerrerensis, subsp. nov.

Type.—Adult, sex not recorded, 99.1.6.104 British Museum; Rincon, Guerrero, Mexico, October, 1888; collected by Mrs. H. H. Smith.

Subspecific characters.—Similar to *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii insignis* Nelson of southeastern Mexico and northern Central America but coloration paler throughout; upper parts lighter red, particularly on wings and tail and posterior parts of body; underparts grayer as well as paler; size slightly larger.

Range.—Known only from the Sierra Madre del Sur in Guerrero.

Remarks.—This is apparently a very uncommon woodhewer for Mrs. Smith secured only two specimens and none of the recent collectors seem to have encountered it at all. Both specimens are in fresh, complete fall plumage. One, an adult male, measures: wing, 103; tail, 93; exposed culmen, 30; the other (type, sex not recorded) measures: wing, 105; tail, 90; exposed culmen, 34 mm.

I agree with Hellmayr that no significant differences are to be found between Guatemalan and Mexican specimens of *insignis*.